

Claims

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below with appropriate status indication.

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) An interactive bill-payment system, comprising:

an Internet-connected computerized appliance providing access to Internet sites for a user;

a first Internet site accessible by the computerized appliance comprising bill-payment software providing an interactive interface enabling the user to select, view and pay itemized bills ~~server node connected to a wide-area network, the first server node providing a service access point for a user; and~~

~~a second server node connected to the network and~~ Internet site accessible to the first ~~server node~~ Internet site, the second ~~server node~~ Internet site providing automated navigation to billing sources subscribed to by the user, following pre-programmed instructions provided by the user, collecting itemized bills and bill-related data, and providing same to the first server node; ~~and~~

~~bill payment software executing on the first server node, providing an interactive interface where the user may view and pay selected itemized bills.~~

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 14, wherein the first ~~server node~~ Internet site is a portal server providing a personalized interface for the user in hypertext markup language.

16. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 15, wherein the ~~data~~ billing sources are subscribed to by the user requiring the second ~~server node~~ Internet site to enter a username and password on behalf of the user, authorized by the user, for access to user bill information.

17. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 16, wherein the ~~remote computer node~~ Internet-connected computerized appliance is a personal computer with accessibility to the Internet.

18. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 16, wherein the ~~remote computer node~~ Internet-connected computerized appliance is a cellular telephone with accessibility to the Internet.

19. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 16, wherein the ~~remote computer node~~ Internet-connected computerized appliance is a hand-held ~~computers~~ computer with accessibility to the Internet.

20. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 16, wherein the second ~~server node~~ Internet site stores aggregated bill data on behalf of the user in a connected data repository remote from the second server node.

21. (Previously presented) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 20, wherein the bill-payment software interface is linked to a plurality of secondary interfaces provided in the form of hypertext markup language.

22. (Currently amended) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 21, wherein [[the]] management of the listed bills include at least viewing a complete representation of the bill, marking that the bill has been paid, deleting the bill, and receiving an alert associated with the bill.

23. (Previously presented) The interactive bill-payment system of claim 22, wherein selected management of the bill includes recommendations from the system.

24-34. (Canceled)